

# ST. VINCENT'S ABBEY

BEATTY P. O., WESTMORELAND CO., PA.

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Vrgy Rev J. A. Stephan Director of Indian Bureau  
Rev a Dear Father

Yesterday I received a letter from Bp. Marty, and from it I learn that you have ~~been~~ returned to Washington. I certainly expected that you and the Misses Drexel would stop off at St. Vincent on your way East, for the purpose of talking over the matter of the Indian School at Rensselaer, provided the result of the conference at Chicago would be that we take charge of said school.

Rev. Bp. Marty writes me that St. Vincent ought to take St. Joseph's and I have concluded to do so. He also directs me to apply to you for particulars. Now I request you, Rev. Father to give me in writing:

1, what you desire us to do at Rensselaer?

2 for how many men we will receive salary and how much?

I am convinced that by your experience gained during so many years in the successful management of Indian schools you are <sup>far</sup> better qualified to answer above questions than I could be and I frankly state here

that there shall be no difficulty in coming to a  
satisfactory agreement

One point however I wish to urge viz. that we accept  
the school now on probation for One year, leaving  
it free to either party at the close of the year to make  
a new contract or none at all Such arrangement is  
in accordance with the sentiments expressed by you  
and Miss Drexel at Chicago and is of course acceptable  
to me

If you think advisable that I inform Miss Drexel  
of acceptance of school. I will do so requesting you  
to send me her address

Hoping that with God's grace this undertaking will  
become successful

I am most respectfully Yours  
Andrew A. A. atty.